

and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the jury."

On motion of Senator Smith, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

### ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 16, 1876. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President *pro tem.* in the chair. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday adopted.

Senator Stephens presented the petition of the Commissioner's Court of Bandera county, asking that the County Court law, requiring the County Judges to keep their offices at the county seat, and to attend he same daily, and to not leave the county for more than twenty days at one time, be changed, as it will prevent frontier counties from getting competent men; also, asking the Legislature to not pass a law permitting the taxes of out-county land to be paid anywhere except in the counties where the property is situated, giving many reasons therefor.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

The President *pro tem.*, after reading its caption, signed Senate Bill No. 275, "An Act to encourage the construction of railroads in Texas, by donations of land."

Senator Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 216, "An Act to establish and provide for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the same back, with the House amendments thereto, and recommend that the Senate concur in said amendments.

TERRELL, *Chairman.*

Senator Stephens, from the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

Your Committee on State Affairs have had under consideration Senate Joint Resolution No. 396, "To authorize the Governor to send a committee of three Senators to Wharton county, to investigate the late disturbances in said county," and instruct me to report the same back, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

STEPHENS, *for Committee.*

Senator Stephens introduced a bill entitled, "An Act to repeal Section 6 of an act to encourage the construction of canals and ditches for navigation and irrigation, approved March 10, 1875; and to validate locations and surveys within the reservations created by said section."

Read by caption, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

House Bill No. 27, "An Act regulating interest," was taken up by the President *pro tem.*, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Senator Edwards, Senator Crain was indefinitely excused; leave to begin on Saturday next.

On motion of Senator Ledbetter, the unfinished business, Senate Bill No. 217, was postponed until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M., and Senate Bill No. 394, "An Act regulating elections," was taken up.

On motion of Senator Crain, the pending bill was temporarily postponed, and Senate Bill No. 137 (the fee bill) was taken up.

On motion of Senator McCormick, the Senate refused to concur in House amendments, and a Committee of Free Conference was ordered.

The President *pro tem.* appointed on said committee, Senators McCormick, Edwards and Crain.

On motion of Senator Burton, Senate Bill No. 330, "An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in the various districts and counties of the State," was taken up, with House amendments, and on motion of Senator Burton, said amendments were concurred in.

Senator Crain, by leave, introduced a bill entitled, "An Act to amend Article 724 of an act entitled, 'An Act to adopt and establish a penal code for the State of Texas,' approved August 28, 1856.

Read by caption, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senate Bill No. 394, "An Act to regulate elections," being the pending business, was resumed, and bill read first time.

Senator Grace in the chair.

On motion of Senator Crain, the rules were suspended, to place the bill on its second reading, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—21.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senators Ball, Burton, Stephens—3.

Bill read second time.

On motion of Senator Francis, the amendments of the committee were adopted.

Senator Douglass offered the following amendment :

Add to Section 1, in line 8, after the word, "terms," the following words, "prior to December 31, 1876."

Adopted.

The bill ordered engrossed.

Senator Smith moved to temporarily postpone the pending bill and to take up Senate Bill No. 255, "The penitentiary resumption act," with House amendments.

Also, that the Senate concur in said amendments.

Carried.

The amendments concurred in.

Senator Edwards, from Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following report :

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 400, "An Act to provide for the manner of purchasing fuel for the use of the Legislature and other departments of the government (except the Judicial Department) by contract," have carefully considered the

same, and instruct me to report the bill back, and recommend that it do pass.

EDWARDS, *for Committee.*

On motion of Senator Terrell, the rules were suspended, pending business postponed, and House Bill No. 355, "An Act to amend an act entitled, 'An Act to organize the County Courts, and define their powers and jurisdiction,' approved June 16, 1876," was taken up, and read first time.

The committee amendments were adopted.

Senator Terrell moved to further suspend the rules and place the bill on its second reading.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—22.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, Moore—2.

Bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the rules were further suspended, to place the bill on its third reading, by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—23.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senator Burton—1.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—22.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, Edwards—2.

Senate Bill No. 394 was resumed.

President *pro tem.* in the chair.

Senator Douglass moved to suspend the rules and place the bill on its third reading.

Carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—22.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, Francis—2.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—23.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senator Burton—1.

On motion of Senator Crain, the rules were suspended, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 334, "Providing for the leasing and care of the

block or lot of land in the city of Austin, lying north of the State Capitol, and known on the map of said city, now on file in the General Land Office, as, 'College Hill,'" was taken up, and read first time.

The substitute recommended by the committee was adopted.

Senator Smith moved to suspend the rules and place the resolution on its second reading.

Carried, by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—20.

NAYS—Senator Blassingame—1.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, Francis, Motley—3.

Bill read second time.

Senator Piner offered the following amendment:

"Provided, That if said company shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the terms of this resolution, then they shall forfeit all right to the privileges and land granted them in this resolution."

Adopted.

Senator Smith offered the following:

"SEC. 2. After the word, "State," in line 4, insert, "school or college."

Adopted.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

"No contract shall be made under this resolution which will, in the opinion of the Governor, permit a structure to be erected that would impair or injure the value of the forty acres for University purposes."

Adopted, and resolution ordered engrossed.

Senator Crain moved to further suspend the rules and place the bill on its third reading.

Carried, by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—22.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, Francis—2.

Resolution read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—22.

NAYS—None.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, Francis—2.

Senator Grace, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined, compared and found correctly enrolled, Senate Bill No. 275, "An Act to encourage the construction of railroads in Texas by donations of lands." The same has been properly signed and presented to the Governor this day, at 10:35 A. M., for his approval.

GRACE, *Chairman.*



Senator Piner, Chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following report:

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House Bill No. 218, entitled, "An Act to provide for the enforcement of contracts for labor," have had the same under consideration, and report it back and recommend that it do not pass. PINER, Chairman.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage by that body of the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 29—"An Act to fix the time of holding the next election."

Senate Bill No. 224—"An Act to punish drunkenness."

Senate Bill No. 284—"An Act to authorize the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to appoint a deputy."

Substitute for House Bill No. 311—"An Act to provide for the judicial forfeiture of charters, and prescribing the duties of the Attorney-General in relation thereto."

House Joint Resolution No. 435—"Authorizing a sale and lease of, and cession of jurisdiction over, certain lands to the United States, for the erection of a fort, arsenal, barracks, military station and camp."

That the House concurs in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 414—"An Act to provide for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of District or County Clerks in such counties as have elected but one Clerk, and to validate their acts."

That the House has appointed as a Committee of Free Conference on Senate Bill No. 137, "An Act to regulate the fees of all the officers in the State," Representatives Chesley, Kinnison and Chambers.

That the House has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution to adjourn *sine die* on Monday, August 21st, at 12 o'clock M.

On motion of Senator Edwards, the rules were suspended, and House Bill No. 437, "An Act to better regulate grand juries and juries in civil and criminal cases in the courts of the State, and to amend Sections 9 and 17 of an act entitled, 'An Act to regulate grand juries and juries in civil and criminal cases in the courts of the State,' approved August 1, 1876," was taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Senator Edwards, the rules were suspended, to place the bill on its second reading, by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—20.

NAYS—Senator Brady—1.

NOT VOTING—Senators Burton, McCormick, Stephens—3.

The bill was then read second time.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 12 by inserting after the word, "act," where it first occurs, the following, viz.: "as well as an act entitled, 'An Act to regulate grand juries and juries in civil and criminal cases in the courts of this State,' approved August 1, 1876," and inserting after the word, "act," when it last occurs, the words, "as well as the act to which this is supplementary."

Adopted.

The bill then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Edwards, the rules were further suspended, to place the bill on its third reading, by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brown, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Smith, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—19.

NAYS—Senators Brady, Burton—2.

NOT VOTING—Senators Francis, Ripetoe, Stephens—3.

Senator Edwards moved a call of the Senate.

Seconded.

Roll called.

ABSENT—Senator Stephens.

Pending the call, the bill went to the table.

A message was received from the House, announcing that that body had passed Senate Bill No. 393: "An Act supplemental to, and amendatory of, 'An Act to make appropriation for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876, and previous years.'"

On motion of Senator Edwards, the rules were suspended, and House Bill No. 311, "An Act to provide for the judicial forfeiture of charters, and prescribing the duties of the Attorney-General in relation thereto," was taken up, and read first time.

On motion of Senator Ball, the bill was referred to Committee on Internal Improvements, with instructions to report at as early an hour as possible; also, that fifty copies of the bill be printed and made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and from day to day until disposed of.

On motion of Senator Edwards, the rules were suspended, and House Bill No. 339, "An Act to provide for the speedy assessment and collection of taxes upon land and real estate in cases where such property has been subject by law to taxation, but the assessment thereof has been omitted," was taken up and read second time.

Senator Ball offered the following amendment:

Add to Section 1 the following: "*Provided*, that all the lands in this State and on which the taxes are unpaid are hereby assessed, with all the taxes accrued thereon, in ratio to the taxation in the several counties of this State, for the several years the taxes are unpaid, according to the average value of such lands in the several counties for the respective years said taxes are unpaid, and the same shall be a lien on the lands until said taxes are paid as required by this act."

Senator Smith in the chair.

The Senate being announced full, the consideration of House Bill No. 437 (the jury law) was resumed, read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brown, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—23.

NAYS—Senator Brady—1.

The consideration of House Bill No. 339 was resumed, the pending question being the amendment of Senator Ball.

Senator Piner offered the following as an amendment to Senator Ball's amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out the words, "are hereby

assessed," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "shall be assessed by the Assessor of the county in which the land is situated."

Accepted by Senator Ball.

Senator Ripetoe offered the following as an amendment to the amendment:

"*Provided*, That this act shall not be so construed as to date back further than January 1, 1876."

Lost.

Senator Ball's amendment, as amended, was then adopted.

Senator Crain offered the following amendment:

Strike out Section 7, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 7. That, owing to the near approach of the close of this session of the Legislature, and that a law may be enacted to make taxation bear equally upon all property in this State, an imperative public necessity exists for the suspension of the rule, in order to immediately place this bill upon its final passage."

Adopted.

Senator Douglass offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 6, by adding the following:

"*Provided*, That the owner of such unrendered land and real estate, or his agent, shall, upon the payment of all taxes due upon the same, since the first day of January, A. D., 1873, prior to the commencement of proceedings for the collection of the same, by the Collector of Taxes, under this section, receive full and complete acquittance from all demands from the State for such delinquent taxes."

Adopted.

Senator Storey offered the following amendment:

Add to Senator Douglass' amendment: "*And provided further*, that nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize or permit the sale of the property of one person for the taxes due by any other person, where no assessment was made prior to the transfer of said property."

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Brady, Brown, Burton, Edwards, Ford, McCormick, McCulloch, Storey, Terrell—9.

NAYS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Douglass, Francis, Grace, Ledbetter, Moore, Motley, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Stephens—14.

Senator Burton offered the following amendment:

"*Provided*, That this act shall not be so construed to date back further than January 1, 1875."

Lost.

Senator J. R. Henry in the chair.

The bill then passed to a third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brown, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Francis, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell—18.

NAYS—Senators Brady, Brown, Edwards, McCormick, Ripetoe—4.

NOT VOTING—Senators Ford, Thompson—2.

Senator Burton moved to suspend the rules, to place the bill on its third reading.

Lost by the following vote (it taking a four-fifths vote to suspend):

YEAS—Senators Ball, Blassingame, Brown, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Francis, Grace, Henry J. R., Ledbetter, McCulloch, Moore, Motley, Piner, Smith, Stephens, Storey, Terrell—18.



NAYS—Senators Brady, Brown, Edwards, McCormick, Ripetoe—5.

NOT VOTING—Senators Ford, Thompson—2.

President *pro tem.* in the chair.

On motion of Senator J. R. Henry, the rules were suspended, and Senate Bill No. 388, "An Act to change the Tenth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Judicial Districts, and to create the Twenty-eighth Judicial District, and fix the terms of court in the same," was taken up, and read third time.

On motion of Senator Stephens, the bill was referred to a special committee of three Senators, with instructions to report this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Senators Storey, Henry J. R. and Stephens, were appointed by the President *pro tem.*, as said committee.

On motion of Senator Brown, House substitute for Senate Bill No. 343, "An Act to amend an act entitled, 'An Act for the protection of the wool-growing interests of the State,' approved May 2, 1874, was taken up, read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Blassingame, the Senate adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President *pro tem.* in the chair. Roll called. Quorum present.

The President *pro tem.*, after reading their captions, signed the following bills:

House Bill No. 37—"An Act regulating the duties of Tax Collectors in reference to the seizure and sale of property of delinquent tax-payers, and to define the further duties, powers, qualifications, and liabilities of Collectors of Taxes, and to regulate their compensation."

Senate Bill No. 262—"An Act to reserve from location, in the event of forfeiture, of the public domain now reserved for the benefit of railroads and railroad companies."

Senate Bill No. 393—"An Act supplementary to, and amendatory of, an act to make an appropriation for the fiscal year, beginning September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876, and previous years."

Senate Bill No. 330—"An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in various districts and counties of the State."

Senate Bill No. 104—"An Act to regulate fees of Committing Magistrates and Sheriffs in Committing Courts."

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage by that body of the following bills:

House Bill No. 428—"An Act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled, 'An Act for the benefit of actual occupants of the public lands,' approved May 26, 1873.

Also, that the House has concurred in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 437—"An Act to regulate juries and grand juries in criminal and civil cases, and to amend Sections 9 and 17 of 'An Act to regulate grand juries,' etc., approved August 1, 1876.

Senator Storey, Chairman of the special committee appointed on Senate Bill No. 388, submitted the following report:

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

Your Special Committee appointed to consider Senate Bill No. 388,



"An Act to change the Tenth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Judicial Districts, and to create the Twenty-eighth Judicial District, and to fix the terms of court in the same," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by a majority of the committee to return the bill with the following amendments, and to recommend that the same, as amended, do pass.

STOREY, *Chairman.*

Amend the caption by adding: "And to provide for the election of a Judge for said Twenty-eighth Judicial District."

Strike out in Section 6, page 4, all after the word, "week," in line 8, down to the word, "for," in line 11, and insert the following: "In the county of Erath on the fourteenth Mondays after the first Mondays in March and September, and may continue in session one week; in the county of Eastland on the fifteenth Mondays after the first Mondays in March and September, and may continue in session one week."

"SEC. 9. That the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby authorized and requested within ten days after the passage to issue his proclamation for an election of a Judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District, who shall hold his office until the next general election, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified."

Number the present Section No. 9, as No. 10.

The said Senate Bill No. 388, "An Act to change the Tenth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Judicial Districts and create the Twenty-eighth Judicial District, and fix the terms of court in the same," being the unfinished business, was taken up, and the amendments of the committee adopted.

Senator Stephens offered a substitute for the bill entitled, "An Act to create the Twenty-eighth Judicial District and fix the times of holding the courts therein, and also for the election of a District Judge in said district."

Senator Moore moved the previous question.

Seconded, and the main question ordered.

The substitute of Senator Stephens was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Ball, Grace, Ledbetter, Motley, Stephens, Thompson—6.

NAYS—Senators Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Henry J. R., McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Storey, Terrell—16.

NOT VOTING—Senators Francis, Ford—2.

The bill ordered engrossed.

Senator Burton moved that the rules be suspended to place the bill on its third reading.

Lost by the following vote (four-fifths being necessary):

YEAS—Senators Blassingame, Brady, Brown, Burton, Crain, Douglass, Edwards, Francis, Ford, Henry J. R., McCormick, McCulloch, Moore, Piner, Ripetoe, Smith, Storey, Terrell, Thompson—19.

NAYS—Senators Ball, Grace, Ledbetter, Motley, Stephens—5.

Senator Grace, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

*Hon. Wells Thompson, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined, compared and found correctly enrolled, Senate Bill No. 330, entitled, "An Act to provide District and County Surveyors with offices in various districts and counties of the State;" also, Senate Bill No. 393, entitled,

"An Act supplemental to, and amendatory of, an act entitled, 'An Act to make an appropriation for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1875, and ending August 31, 1876, and previous years;' also, Senate Bill No. 262, entitled, "An Act to reserve from location, in the event of forfeiture, of the public domain now reserved for the benefit of railroads and railroad companies;" also, Senate Bill 104, entitled, "An Act to regulate fees of Committing Magistrates and Sheriffs in Committing Courts." The same have been properly signed and presented to the Governor this day, at 5:05 o'clock P. M., for his approval.

GRACE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Senator Burton, the rules were suspended, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 396, "To authorize the Governor to send a committee of three Senators to Wharton county to investigate the late disturbances in said county," was taken up, together with the report of the Committee on State Affairs recommending that the resolution do not pass, and read first time.

Senator Burton moved that the report be rejected.

Pending the discussion, on motion of Senator Smith, the Senate adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. The President *pro tem.* in the chair. Roll called. No quorum present.

Senator Ledbetter moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Lost.

Senator Ledbetter moved to adjourn for half an hour.

Lost.

Senator Brady moved to adjourn until 8:55 to-morrow morning.

Lost.

Senator Crain moved to adjourn until 9:05 to-morrow morning.

Lost.

Senator Smith moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

Carried.

The Senate then adjourned.

#### ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 17, 1876. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. No quorum present.

At 9:15 A. M., a quorum was announced present.

President *pro tem.* in the chair. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday adopted.

The President *pro tem.*, after reading their captions, signed the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 29—"An Act to fix the time for holding the next general election."

Senate Bill No. 227—"An Act to punish drunkenness."